

# ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

## Interscholastic Athletic Eligibility

It is maintained that every athlete is a student first. Therefore, he/she must maintain his/her academic standing in order to participate in interscholastic athletics. Oregon Schools enforce the scholastic eligibility rules set forth in the Ohio High School Athletic Association Constitution as follows:

In order to be eligible, a student in grade nine, ten, eleven, or twelve:

- must be currently enrolled
- must have been enrolled in school during the immediately preceding grading period (six weeks, nine weeks, twelve weeks, semester)
- must have received passing grades during that grading period in subjects that earn a minimum of 5.0 credits per year toward graduation excluding P.E.

In addition to the state requirements the Oregon Board of Education requires that an athlete

- must have achieved a minimum grade point average during the preceding grading period of 1.5 on a 4.0 scale. Students who have not achieved a 1.5 grade point average during the previous grading period may become eligible by raising their grade point average to a 1.5 in the subsequent grading period.
- must continue to pass a minimum of 5 one-credit classes every 3 weeks during the sport season.
- Athletes entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall must have passed five (5) classes during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. Furthermore, these athletes must have achieved a 1.5 GPA in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade as set forth by the Oregon Board of Education.

## NCAA Division I & II Athletic Eligibility

### Division I

If you enroll in a Division I college **before August 1, 2016** and want to participate in athletics or receive an athletic scholarship, you must meet all NCAA requirements including:

#### **16 Required Core Courses**

- **Four years** of English;
- **Three years** of mathematics (algebra 1 or higher level);
- **Two years** of natural or physical science (including one year of a lab science if offered by your high school);
- **One extra year** of English, mathematics or natural/physical science;
- **Two years** of social science; and
- **Four years** of extra core courses (from any category above, or foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy).
- Earn a minimum required GPA in your core courses; and earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches your core course GPA and test score sliding scale.

#### **What are core courses?**

For a list of Clay's core courses, visit [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) and enter the following 6-Digit Code: 365010

### Division I

If you enroll in a Division I college **on or after August 1, 2016** and want to participate in athletics or receive an athletic scholarship, you must meet all NCAA requirements including:

- Complete 16 core courses (same distribution as in the past);
  - Ten of the 16 core courses must be completed before the seventh semester (senior year) of high school.

- Seven of the 10 core courses must be English, math or science.
- Have a minimum core-course grade-point average of 2.300;
  - Grades earned in the 10 courses required before the senior year are “locked in” for purposes of grade-point average calculation.
  - A repeat of any of the “locked in” courses will not be used to improve the grade-point average if taken after the seventh semester begins.
- Meet the competition sliding scale requirement of grade-point average and ACT/SAT score (this is a new scale with increased grade-point average/test score requirements); and
- Graduate from high school.

## **Division II**

### **August 1, 2013, and After**

If you enroll in a Division II college **on or after August 1, 2013**, and want to participate in athletics or receive an athletics scholarship during your first year, you must:

- Graduate from high school;
- Complete these 16 core courses:
  - 3 years of English
  - 2 years of math (Algebra 1 or higher)
  - 2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if offered by your high school)
  - 3 additional years of English, math, or natural or physical science
  - 2 years of social science
  - 4 years of extra core courses (from any category above, or foreign language, nondoctrinal religion or philosophy);
  - Earn a 2.000 grade-point average or better in your core courses; and
  - Earn a combined SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.

For individuals enrolling at a college or university in Puerto Rico, earn a combined Prueba de Aptitud Académica score of 730.

Additional information regarding collegiate athletic eligibility can be found on the NCAA website ([www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)) and print the “Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete.”